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## PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)

018547-040820US In re Application of McGall et al. Application Number 09/779,389 Filed February 7, 2001 U.S. CONTINUATION PATENT APPLICATION FOR:

METHODS FOR IMPROVED ARRAY PREPARATION Group Art Unit Examiner 1639 Tomas H.F. Friend

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above identified application. The requested extension and appropriate non-small-entity fee are as follows (check time period desired):

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